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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6,396,020 B1 (THELEN et al.) 28 May 2002, abstract, figures, col. 1, lines 20-25, col. 2, lines 50-55, col. 3, lines 41-47, col. 5, lines 35-55	1-25
Y	US 5,175,405 A (KARIMINE et al.) 29 December 1992, abstract, figures, col. 2, lines 35-66, col. 3, lines 30-55, col.	1-25

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